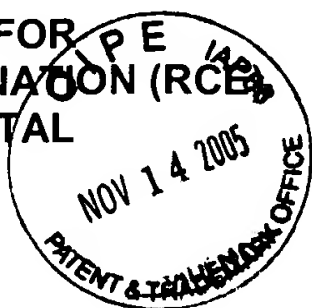


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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number: 09/724,778

Confirmation Number: 9331

Filing Date: November 28, 2000

First Named Inventor: Jeffrey T. FINER

Group Art Unit: 1624

Examiner: Tamthorn Ngo TRUONG

Attorney Docket Number: 09367.0018-06000

Attorney Customer Number: 22,852

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (2 pages); and
- ii. ☒ IDS Form PTO 1449 (4 pages)
- iii. ☒ Copies of fifty-nine (59) listed documents.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Petition for extension of time for (___ Months) \$___
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

Name: Lauren L. Stevens, Ph.D.

Reg. No.: 36,691

Signature: 

Date: November 11, 2005